



July 29, 2013

Ms. Marlene Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: WC Docket No. 13-150 and Comp. Pol. File No. 1115 - *Section 63.71 Application of Verizon New York Inc. and Verizon New Jersey Inc.*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

I am writing to express my organization's support for Verizon's application to replace its copper network with wireless Voice Link technology in areas destroyed by Hurricane Sandy. Because our organization is committed to advocating for public policies which advance New Jersey's economic well-being, we feel strongly that New Jersey's barrier beaches (and the storm impacted areas of New York) would be better served by modern wireless technologies that are more reliable and flexible in severe weather.

Continued investment in decades-old infrastructure is fiscally irresponsible. People are abandoning traditional copper networks in droves because they do not provide sufficient capacity or performance that today's consumers and businesses demand. It would be a waste of precious financial resources to force an innovative company like Verizon to continue investing in outdated infrastructure rather than offer these recovering areas reliable, high-quality, service delivered over the company's wireless network.

Despite a downward economy, Verizon has invested billions of dollars to deliver next generation services to homes and businesses throughout the tri-state area. Our local economy truly depends on their continued investment in infrastructure enhancements and innovative new products. By closing the door on Verizon's wireless Voice Link offering, we will be signaling that we are no longer interested in their investments or the state of the art communications services they provide. That's simply a message we cannot afford to send.

Please allow Verizon to move forward with its plans to replace its destroyed copper network with Voice Link technology in those communities impacted by Hurricane Sandy. Voice Link is an appropriate and smart technology to meet the communications needs of local consumers, serving their best interests, and the interests of this region, well into the future. And frankly, given the realities, it just makes *common sense* for all involved.

Thank you for considering our organization's views.

Sincerely,

Jerry Cantrell
President